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Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Support BellSouth / AT&T Merger, WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear Commissioners:

For over twenty years I practiced medicine in the Metro Atlanta area in the field of Obstetrics-Gynecology. The name of my practice was Atlanta's Women Health Care. During that time I served thousands of women, delivering babies and performing surgical procedures, all without professional blemish (no lawsuits). Over the year, I served women of all ethnicities and representing a wide range of income levels. However, two things were always clear: (1) they all wanted healthy babies and (2) the future education of their children were going to be just as important.

As a physician, business owner, and a customer in the BellSouth region, I utilized the technological advancements that both BellSouth and AT&T provided to the marketplace. That is why I am asking you to vote in favor of the AT&T / BellSouth merger.

The merger has the potential to provide tremendous benefits to the communities they serve. I support their plan that as one company they will offer \$10 broadband access to all residential customers within the new, combined company's service territory. This will help many customers with limited resources enhance educational opportunities for their children. Just as important, offering a free upgrade to DSL from dial-up will be a tremendous help to customers also. Finally, I have had the pleasure to establish relationships with employees of both companies while having both business and residential services provided by them. I do believe these two companies combined as one will deliver on their promises.

I encourage your support to move quickly and approve the merger of AT&T and BellSouth.

Sincerely,

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cc: Martene Dortch, Commission Secretary